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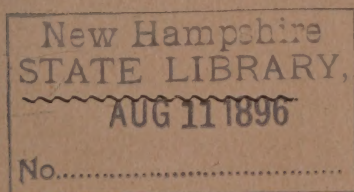
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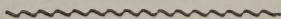
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TOWN OFFICERS, 1888.

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor,

EDWIN S. GOWING, JAMES F. WILSON,
DANIEL GAGE.

Town Clerk.

JAMES B. MERRILL.

Town Treasurer,

JAMES B. MERRILL.

Collector,

JAMES M. COBURN.

School Board,

KIMBALL WEBSTER, DAVID O. SMITH,
BRINTON M. WEBSTER.

Supervisors,

NATHANIEL WENTWORTH, JUSTIN E. HILLS,
GEORGE P. WOODWARD.

Police Officers,

DWIGHT E. MARTIN, LUCIUS F. ROBINSON.

Auditors,

GEO. G. ANDREWS, KIMBALL WEBSTER,
LUCIAN M. TOLLES.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

[L. S.]

*To the Inhabitants of the Town of Hudson, in the
County of Hillsborough, in said State, qualified
to vote in town affairs:*

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town House in said town on Tuesday, the twelfth day of March next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting.
2. To choose a town clerk.
3. To choose three selectmen.
4. To choose all other necessary officers.
5. To vote upon the ratification of the proposed amendments to the constitution passed by the late convention authorized by chapter 107, laws of 1887.
6. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the maintenance of the poor and other necessary charges arising in said town for the ensuing year.
7. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for building and repairing bridges.
8. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the repair of highways in said town for the ensuing year.
9. To see what provision the town will vote to make in relation to furnishing the town with a hearse for the ensuing year.

10. To see what method the town will vote to adopt in relation to the pay of police officers.

11. To see if the town will vote to instruct the selectmen or choose a committee to make a new appraisment of the real estate of the town or in any way act thereon, agreeably to a petition by Dr. D. O. Smith and others.

12. To see if the town will vote to discontinue as a public highway the Davenport road, so called, leading from the Nashua & Lowell road near the house of Robert Stewart to the backroad near the house of Henry Marshall, agreeably to a petition by Sidney P. Gowing and others.

Given under our hands and seal this twenty-fifth day
February in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred
and eighty-nine.

EDWIN S. GOWING,	}	Selectmen of Hudson.
J. F. WILSON,		
DANIEL GAGE,		

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1889.

TAXES ASSESSED IN APRIL, 1888.

Total amount assessed and committed to James M. Coburn, collector, state, coun- ty, school, town and non-resident high- way tax,	\$6,376 79
Dog tax,	122 00
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Total amount to collect,	\$6,498 79
Total amount collected, interest not included,	5,790 46
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Total amount uncollected,	\$708 33

RECEIPTS BY THE SELECTMEN.

Received by the County of Hills- borough for the support of county paupers,	\$164 43
of the State Treasurer, in- surance tax,	20 25
railroad tax,	441 09
savings bank tax,	2,097 17
literary fund,	149 85

Received of J. M. Coburn, for old		
plank,	\$1 10	
of Kimball Smith estate,	19 92	
	<u> </u>	\$2,893 81

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid State tax,	1,745 00	
county tax,	1,114 33	
	<u> </u>	\$2,859 33

SCHOOL MONEY.

Paid Kimball Webster,	1,813 19
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MONEY APPROPRIATED FOR THE REPAIR
OF SCHOOL HOUSES.

Paid Kimball Webster appropria-		
tion,	\$200 00	
	<u> </u>	\$200 00

INTEREST ON TOWN NOTES.

Paid Persis A. Merrill,	\$50 00
Louisa M. Marsh,	40 00
Martha W. Marsh,	25 00
Rebecca E. Newcomb,	35 00

Daniel T. Gage,	\$35 00	
Emeline M. Cummings,	20 00	
Amory Burnham,	100 00	
	<hr/>	\$305 00

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid George G. Andrews, cash	
paid for labor,	\$15 25
Hiram B. Taylor, labor,	12 00
A. L. Simpson, “	6 25
S. R. Simpson, “	4 64
Robert T. Connell, “	46 25
Orlando G. Hills, “	39 45
Franklin A. Hill, “	84 67
Franklin A. Hill, “	11 02
C. M. Hills, “	19 25
David O. Smith, “	17 00
Eugene Donnelly, “	6 82
Simon A. Senter, “	69 47
Arthur L. Barton, “	12 53
Chas. A. Steele, “	57 65
Silas T. Steele, “	5 25
E. Senter, “	1 80
Pearl T. Thomas, “	53 25
Henry Butler, “	20 50
Edwin S. Gowing, “	11 95
P. J. Connell, “	43 05
A. H. Barron, “	29 84
George H. Davis, “	37 15
O. G. Hills, “	31 37
Ira Templeton, “	52 65

Paid Alphonso Robinson, labor,	\$34 25
John P. Putnam, “	34 00
W. P. Annis, “	17 75
H. B. Taylor, “	26 60
James Connell, “	4 95
S. A. Senter, “	4 20
George H. Davis, “	2 58
H. C. Brown, “	6 80
Robert T. Connell, “	46 30
Mark Batchelder, “	37 87
Timothy Donehoe, “	25 82
Henry Butler, “	15 17
J. S. Winn, “	24 11
F. A. Hill, “	54 15
C. W. Spaulding, “	100 64
H. C. Brown, “	8 95
A. L. Barton, “	7 35
Amasa Bundy, “	20 00
D. O. Smith, “	16 50
J. E. Greeley, “	38 25
McQuesten & Chase, “	5 00
C. W. Hill, “	38 50
W. P. Annis, labor with team on road machine,	290 00
Rufus E. Winn, bridge plank,	13 67
Government Water Proof Paint Co., paint for T. F. bridge,	67 51
C. W. Spaulding, labor & stone,	3 85
Cross & Tolles, bridge plank,	29 97
George P. Gilbert, for paint- ing T. F. bridge,	120 84
J. B. Merrill, cash paid for lumber,&c., for T. F. bridge,	16 97

Paid A. McMillian, repairs on road machine,	\$4 95
C. Williams, sewer gate,	2 48
James B. Merrill, breaking roads and snowing T. F. bridge,	23 62
	<hr/> \$1,832 66

SUPPORT OF THE POOR OF THE TOWN.

Paid County of Hillsborough, relief Lima Burns to Sept. 18, '88,	\$55 37
County of Hillsborough, board of George A. Smith to September 18, 1888,	78 00
County of Hillsborough, board George H. Marshall from June 29, to Sept. 18, 1888,	28 94
E. S. Gowing, cash paid for funeral expenses of Geo. H. Marshall,	15 30
Robert T. Connell, board of Geo. H. Marshall from March 25 to June 28, 1888,	36 00
D. O. & H. O. Smith, medical attendance upon Geo. H. Marshall,	20 00
Albin Buttrick, board of Alonzo Hill to Feb. 14, 1889,	98 00
Enoch Cummings, board of Herman O. Shaw to December 31, 1888,	96 99

Henry C. Brown, relief of		
Henry W. Butler,	\$5 15	
Edwin S. Gowing, relief of		
Lima Burns,	4 69	
	<hr/>	\$438 44

SUPPORT OF COUNTY PAUPERS.

Paid George G. Andrews, cash paid		
for relief of James Smith,	\$7 00	
Elisha A. Martin, rent for		
James Smith,	16 20	
John Lennahan, relief of Jas.		
Smith,	10 38	
Peter Poff, relief of James		
Murphy,	16 00	
Dr. D. O. & H. O. Smith,		
medical attendance upon		
David Osgood,	6 00	
Edwin S. Gowing, relief of		
Augustus Jones,	13 60	
Mark Batchelder, for board of		
Sarah Doyle from Feb. 26,		
1888, to Feb. 24, 1889,	78 00	
Edwin S. Gowing, for relief		
of Cyrus Fuller to Feb. 20,		
1889,	31 40	
	<hr/>	\$178 58

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid James B. Merrill, services as town clerk,	\$25 00
James B. Merrill, services as town treasurer,	40 00
Edwin S. Gowing, services as selectman and overseer of the poor,	100 00
James F. Wilson, services as selectman and overseer of the poor,	85 00
Daniel Gage, services as selectman and overseer of the poor,	50 00
Kimball Webster, services for board of education,	75 00
Dwight E. Martin, services as police officer in 1888,	37 70
James M. Coburn, part payment for collecting taxes in 1888,	75 00
John J. Baker, balance for collecting taxes in 1886,	2 95
S. M. Blanchard, services as supervisor, two years,	15 00
S. P. Gowing, services as supervisor, two years,	15 00
Mark Batchelder, services as supervisor, two years,	15 00
	<hr/> \$535 65

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Paid Telegraph Publishing Co., printing town reports,	\$51 00
Henry C. Brown, wood for town house,	2 80
Estate of Moses Davis, ser- vices with hearse in 1883,	4 00
Caleb Richardson, insuring town house,	20 00
Caleb Richardson, insuring school houses Nos. 4, 8 & 9,	17 00
John M. Hopkins, insuring school house No. 6,	5 00
Electric Light Co., one arc light from April 1, 1888, to March 1, 1889,	77 00
John Cross, over assessment,	2 87
D. M. Greeley, labor in Cen- ter Cemetery,	13 75
Charles W. Spaulding, for pub- lic watering trough to Mar. 1, 1889,	3 00
Alden Hill, for public water- ing trough to March 1, '89,	3 00
A. & H. C. Robinson, for public watering trough to March, 1889,	3 00
J. E. & O. O. Armstrong, for public watering trough to March 1, 1889,	3 00
Rufus Winn, for public water- ing trough to Mar. 1, 1889,	3 00
D. O. Smith, for public water- ing trough to Mar. 1, 1889,	3 00

Paid David Clement, for public watering trough to March 1, 1889,	\$3 00
Mary F. Learned, fowls killed by dogs,	2 25
Daniel Gage, car fare to Concord,	1 58
George B. French, advice with town officers to Feb. 21, 1889,	7 00
George B. French, collecting tax on Kimball Smith estate,	5 00
Kimball Webster, surveying on Derry and Ferry roads,	3 50
Albert Davis, services with hearse at seven funerals,	28 00
Edwin Gowing, cash paid for legal advice, stationery, postage, &c.,	8 25
A. J. Rockwood, services with hearse at fifteen funerals,	58 00
James B. Merrill, cash paid for blank books and stationery,	20 00
James B. Merrill, making bookcases and ballot box,	6 00,
James B. Merrill, cash paid for seals, measures and sealing the same,	9 43
J. M. Coburn, printing tax-bills,	1 50
John J. Baker, abatement of taxes on 1886 list,	20 99

Paid James M. Coburn, abatement of taxes on lists of 1887-8,	24 88	
James M. Coburn, non-resi- dent highway tax receipt,	5 38	
A. P. Jefts, for over assessment in 1888,	5 32	
Ardella C. Winn, over assess- ment in 1888,	5 15	
	<hr/>	\$426 65

EXPENSES OF CUTLER ROAD CASE.

Paid Geo. B. French, services in case from March 15, 1887 to Feb. 21, 1889,	\$175 00	
R. M. Wallace, services,	125 00	
Geo. B. French, cash paid for witnesses and teams,	19 68	
Geo. G. Andrews, expenses to Londonderry,	3 00	
Witness fees,	49 06	
Kimball Webster, making sur- vey and assistants,	42 50	
	<hr/>	\$414 24

RECAPITULATION.

Paid State and County tax,	\$2859 33
School money,	1813 19
Interest on town notes,	305 00
Support and relief of town pau- pers,	438 44

Paid Support and relief of county	
paupers,	\$178 58
Town officers,	535 65
Incidental expenses,	426 65
Expenses of Cutler road case,	414 24
School house appropriation,	200 00
Highways and bridges,	1832 66
	<hr/> \$9003 74

LIABILITIES.

DEMAND NOTES.

Persis A. Merrill,	\$1000 00
Louisa M. Marsh,	800 00
Martha W. Marsh,	500 00
Rebecca E. Newcomb,	700 00
Daniel T. Gage,	700 00
Emeline M. Cummings,	400 00
Amory Burnham,	2000 00
	<hr/> 6100 00

Due the County of Hillsborough for the board of George A. Smith, from Sept. 18, 1888, to Feb. 26, 1889,	\$34 50
Due the County of Hillsborough for relief of Lima Burns, from Sept. 18, 1888, to March 1, 1889,	47 50
Due Alexis Baker, for relief of Henry W. Butler, to Mar. 1, '89,	6 00
	<hr/> \$88 00
Total amount of liabilities,	<hr/> \$6188 00

ASSETS.

Due from the County of Hillsboro' for the board of Sarah Doyle, to Feb. 26, 1889,	\$34 50	
Due from the County of Hillsboro' for the relief of Cyrus Fuller, to Feb. 20, 1889,	31 40	
Robert Stewart, demand note,	560 97	
Due from Town of Litchfield, one- half of survey bill on Cutler road,	21 25	
Due on James M. Coburn's list, col- lector for 1887,	374 25	
Due on James M. Coburn's list, col- lector for 1888,	708 33	
Cash in treasury,	1886 64	
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Total assets,		\$3617 34
Actual debt,		2570 66
Decrease of debt for the year end- ing March 1, 1889;	\$642 54	

INVENTORY RETURNED TO THE SECRE-
TARY OF STATE, MAY 1, 1887.

REAL ESTATE NOT INCLUDED.

	NO.	VALUE.
Polls,	300	
Horses,	278	\$21,882 00
Oxen,	26	1,522 00
Cows,	660	16,514 00
Other neat stock,	116	2,020 00

Sheep,	94	\$286 00
Hogs,	6	46 00
Carriages,	13	946 00
Stock in banks,		18,200 00
Money at interest,		24,898 00
Stock in trade,		9,970 00
Mills, etc.,		2,900 00

EDWIN S. GOWING,	}	Selectmen of Hudson.
J. F. WILSON,		

HUDSON, Feb. 28, 1889.

This certifies that we have this day examined the accounts of the selectmen and treasurer of the Town of Hudson and find them correctly cast, and each payment properly vouched.

GEO. G. ANDREWS,	}	Town Auditors.
KIMBALL WEBSTER,		

TREASURER'S REPORT,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING, FEBRUARY 28, 1889.

To cash in treasury March 1, 1888,	\$1,810 63
Received of Selectmen from State	
Treasurer insurance tax,	20 25
railroad tax,	441 09
savings bank tax,	2,097 17
literary fund,	149 85
	<u> </u> \$2,708 36
Received of Selectmen from Hills-	
borough County for re-	
lief of paupers,	164 43
from estate of Kimball	
Smith,	19 92
old plank sold,	1 10
	<u> </u> \$185 45
Received of James M. Coburn, col-	
for 1887 and 1888,	\$6,100 00
of John J. Baker, collect-	
or for 1886,	85 94
	<u> </u> \$6,185 94
Total amount of receipts,	<u> </u> \$10,890 38

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid State tax,	\$1,745 00	
County tax,	1,114 33	
	<hr/>	\$2,859 33
Paid interest on town notes,	\$305 00	
school board for schools the		
current year,	1,813 19	
school district appropriation		
for repairs on school houses,	200 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,318 19
Paid miscellaneous orders drawn		
by the Selectmen amounting		
to		\$3,826 22
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Total disbursements,		\$9,003 74
Cash in treasury March 1, 1889,	\$1,886 64	
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JAMES B. MERRILL,

Treasurer of the Town of Hudson.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF HUDSON, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1888

DATE, 1888.	Name of the Child (if any).	Sex and Condition.			Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Color of Parents.	Residence of Parents.	Occupation of Father.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.
		Male or Female.	Living or Stillborn.	No. of Child, 1st. 2d, &c.							
Feb. 4	— Dustin....	M	L	3	W. F. Dustin.....	Alfaretta Batchelder.	W	Hudson....	Farmer.....	Antrim.....	Hudson.....
Mar. 24	Raymond.....	"	"	5	James E. Connell....	Sarah McEnery.....	"	"	"	Hudson.....	St. John, N. B.....
April 16	Charlotte E.....	F	"	1	Frank P. Robinson..	Alecia A. Young.....	"	"	"	"	Hudson.....
May 2	Ethel M.....	"	"	2	Aldon E. Cummings.	Nellie Stevens.....	"	"	"	"	Nashua.....
June 17	"	"	4	George H. Davis.....	Abbie E. Batchelder.	"	"	"	"	Hudson.....
" 18	M	"	3	Charles A. Steele....	Charlotte A. Reynolds.	"	"	"	"	Windham.....
Aug. 13	John O.....	"	"	6	Oscar O. Armstrong,	Nellie E. Titcomb....	"	"	"	Windham.....	Londonerry.....
Sept. 13	Chester.....	"	"	1	William A. Andrews	Willette Annis.....	"	"	"	Hudson.....	"
Oct. 7	Eva E.....	F	"	4	Sidney P. Gowing...	Clementine Fuller...	"	"	"	"	Dracut, Mass.....
" 22	Joseph A.....	M	"	3	Albert A. Fuller....	Mary C. Fuller.....	"	"	Teamster.....	"	Danvers, Mass.....
Nov. 17	Jane A.....	F	"	2	George L. Holmes...	Maria A. J. Butler...	"	"	Laborer.....	"	Ireland.....

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF HUDSON, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1888.

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DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF HUDSON, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1888.

Date. 1888	Name and Surname of the Deceased.	Age.		Place of Birth.	Sex and Condition.		Occupation.	Place of Birth.		Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.
		Years.	Months.		Male or Female	Color.		Father.	Mother.		
		Days.									
Jan.	6 Fanny Smith.....	74	8	Hudson.....	F	W	Housekeeper...	Hudson.....	Hudson.....	James Smith.....	Mary Lawrence.....
"	18 Daniel Learned.....	66	9	Piermont.....	M	"	Farmer.....	N. H.....	N. H.....	Elijah Brown.....	Lionel A. Griffin.....
"	20 Lorinda E. Brown.....	67		Conn.....	F	"	Housekeeper...	Hollis.....	Hudson.....	Joseph E. Nichols.....	Betsy Kidder.....
Feb.	30 Charles L. Nichols.....	2	4	Hudson.....	M	"	"	"	"	Elijah Hills.....	Rachel Heaton.....
"	22 Sarah Hill.....	82	10	"	F	"	Farmer.....	Hudson.....	Wilmington Ms	Thomas Gowing.....	Susanna Chase.....
Mar.	20 Augusta Seavey.....	75	4	25	M	"	Housekeeper...	Wilmington Ms	Westford, Mass	Joseph Seavey.....	Mary Farwell.....
Apr.	4 Lucia W. Floyd.....	77	9	13	F	"	Farmer.....	Hudson.....	Hudson.....	John Atwood.....	Sarah Hadley.....
"	6 David Atwood.....	61	6	4	F	"	Housekeeper...	"	"	Abijah Boynton.....	Mary Smith.....
"	15 Lucy F. Lewis.....	80	2	10	M	"	Farmer.....	Meduen, Mass	Meduen, Mass	Levi Bales.....	Sadie McEnery.....
"	18 Clarissa Blodgett.....	73	1	"	F	"	"	Meduen, Mass	Meduen, Mass	James E. Connell.....	Barber Smith.....
"	14 Raymond Connell.....	79	1	Hudson.....	M	"	"	Hudson.....	Hudson.....	Thomas Smith.....	Susanna Richardson.....
May	21 Daniel Smith.....	79	7	21	"	"	Farmer.....	Woburn, Mass.	Woburn, Mass.	Jesse Richardson.....	Alfreda Batchelder.....
June	6 Elijah Richardson.....	70	4	3	"	"	"	Antrim.....	Hudson.....	W. F. Dustin.....	Mary Emerson.....
July	21 Ethelen E. Dustin.....	6	23	"	F	"	Housekeeper...	Hudson.....	Haverhill, Mass	Amos Hamblett.....	Sally Steele.....
Aug.	8 Sophia Foster.....	83	4	8	"	"	Housekeeper...	Hudson.....	Scotland.....	Silas T. Steele.....	Elizabeth McDonald.....
Sept.	6 Sarah M. Corliss.....	69	10	7	M	"	"	"	N. B.....	Timothy Lockhart.....	Elizabeth Tead.....
"	14 Jesse R. Steele.....	24	1	"	M	"	Shoe maker.....	Frankford, Me.	N. Gloucester.	Sathaniel Woodman.....	Martha Stevens.....
"	24 Jane Cole.....	83	1	5	F	"	Housekeeper...	Hudson.....	Hudson.....	Joseph Pomroy.....	Susanna Luce.....
Dec.	5 Cynthia W. Pomroy.....	75	6	12	M	"	"	Hermion, Me.	Hermion, Me.	Benjamin Blanchard.....	Sarah M. Damsen.....
"	9 Roland T. Pomroy.....	70	2	16	M	"	Carpenter.....	Andover, Mass	Andover, Mass		
"	16 Silas M. Blanchard.....	68	9	7	"	"	Farmer.....				

REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL BOARD
OF THE
TOWN OF HUDSON,
FOR
THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1st, 1889.

SCHOOL BOARD.

KIMBALL WEBSTER, Term Expires March, 1889.

DAVID O. SMITH, Term Expires March, 1890.

BRINTON M. WEBSTER, Term Expires March, '91.

SCHOOL WARRANT.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

To the Inhabitants of the School District of the Town of Hudson, qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town House in said district on Tuesday, the 19th day of March, 1889, at 1 o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a moderator for the ensuing year.
2. To choose a clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a member of the school board for the ensuing three years.
4. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees or officers heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
5. To choose agents, auditors or committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
6. To see what sum of money the district will vote to raise for the support of schools in addition to the amount required by law.
7. To see what sum of money the district will vote to raise for building, repairing or furnishing school houses, or other necessary out-buildings, or in any way to keep in repair or improve the school property of the district.

Given under our hands at said Hudson, this 27th day of February, 1889.

KIMBALL WEBSTER,	} School Board.
D. O. SMITH,	

Report of the School Board.

The School Board respectfully submit the following report for the year ending March 1, 1889 :

Eight schools have been sustained, each having three terms.

Number one, the smallest, having an average of only six scholars, has had twenty-nine weeks, and numbers four and five, thirty-two weeks each.

Number three closed at the end of thirty weeks, and after a vacation of one week, having a local fund—as have also numbers four and five—a short term of from two to four weeks was commenced by Mr. Brinton M. Webster, and has not closed at the time of the writing of this report.

All the other schools have had thirty weeks each.

Can the number of schools be consistently diminished? We do not propose to occupy space in definitely answering this question, or entering into a disquisition of its merits or practicability ; but to submit it for reflection to the district and those locally interested. It is expected that a full and unbiassed report of the committee, chosen last year, to investigate the feasibility, manner, cost, etc , of consolidating numbers one and two, will be presented for approval or otherwise, at our next annual meeting.

We believe that as a whole we have been fortunate the past year in the selection of teachers, to whom to a

great degree is due the credit of a decided improvement of some of our schools over the past.

Twelve different teachers have been employed, six of whom are residents of this town.

These six home teachers have taught seventeen of the twenty-four terms of the several schools.

With one exception they had all acquired a greater or less experience in teaching in this or other towns; and it is a source of satisfaction and pride to be able to announce that they are all entitled to commendation for fidelity in their work, having won the esteem and confidence of pupils, parents and the school board.

We have several young ladies now in attendance, who will soon be fitted to occupy the chair of the teacher, *if* they continue to persevere and improve all the advantages that may be extended to them.

We are firm believers in the policy of "protection to home production" by employing our own teachers, at least so long as they can successfully compete with foreign talent.

The great majority of parents fail to visit the school as often as they ought. We presume that nearly or quite nine-tenths of the complaints that have come to us, charging faithful, conscientious teachers with inefficiency, partiality or other reproach, have been from those persons who seldom or never visit the school.

And in our experience we are forced to believe that four-fifths of all the trouble and dissatisfaction in our schools, arises from parents encouraging or upholding their children--in many instances unconsciously--in conduct derogatory to a good school.

One of the duties of the school board is to employ teachers, and while we do not claim to be omniscient, we have spared neither time nor pains to select the ser-

vices of the best that the salaries we have been able to pay would command.

We have earnestly endeavored to select only those of irreproachable character, who, after a thorough examination, have proved themselves qualified to teach the several branches pursued in the schools assigned to them, and have appeared to possess the ability and adaptability to govern their schools and impart instruction.

This with frequent visits to the school room, especially in those instances where new or inexperienced teachers have been employed, and in giving them such instructions and suggestions as the nature of each case seemed to demand, has enabled the school board to judge with a greater degree of accuracy of the ability and usefulness of the teacher, and the value of her labors, than it was possible for those persons to do who never visited the school.

One day of each term has been allowed teachers as "visiting day," to visit other schools in this town.

We believe that loss to the pupils of one day of school is far more than compensated by the benefits that accrue to teachers from such visits, where in many instances they may learn and afterwards apply in their own work, some of the more practical methods of discipline and instruction of other teachers, and thereby become more efficient in the discharge of their responsible duties.

The evil consequences arising from the lack of thorough ventilation and the consequent absence of pure air in our school-rooms, has been amply set forth in preceding reports, and it is unnecessary to repeat it here.

The same effective system as that of number nine has been applied to school-room number three; and while it is comparatively inexpensive, we have seen no other that produces more satisfactory results. We believe

that it, or some other equally efficient system should be applied to all our school-rooms that now lack proper ventilation.

Number eight has not been occupied for school purposes for the last four years, but to preserve the building two coats of paint have been applied.

With the exception of number two, which is small, in bad repair and almost unfit for school purposes, our school houses are in a fairly comfortable condition.

Owing to the steady and permanent increase of population near the bridge, school number six has become much larger than any other in town, and the school-room for the last two terms has been taxed to its utmost capacity to accommodate the pupils.

The number attending this school has increased from year to year, and it seems to be almost certain that it will continue to increase for at least several years to come.

The question of better school accommodations at this place is already beginning to be agitated, and it is one that apparently will have to be met and solved in the near future.

No change has been made in text-books for nearly two years.

The subject of free text-books has been considerably agitated in this State for several years, and the present indications seem to point to a day not far distant when it will become the law.

Such a law was enacted and has been in force in Massachusetts for several years, and, so far as we have been able to learn, has given general satisfaction.

We are unable to discern any good reason why free text-books should not be furnished with free schools, and free school-rooms with their necessary furniture and apparatus.

It is true that under the present law, the school board is authorized, at the expense of the town, to supply those pupils with necessary text-books, whose parents are in indigent circumstances, and therefore are not able to provide them themselves.

Yet this law is almost inoperative. For obvious reasons, very few parents claim the advantages that the law anticipates.

Several specimens of map-drawing were exhibited in schools numbers 5 and 7, highly creditable to teacher and pupils.

We think this may and should be encouraged, whenever the number, general scholarship and tastes of the pupils seem to warrant its practicability.

Very much might be said in veneration of its usefulness.

Fellow citizens, the most opportune time and the least laborious and expensive manner of presenting you the minutia of much of the school work of the year is at the annual meeting of the district.

Let fathers, *mothers*, teachers, young men and young ladies, and all who care to elevate the standard of excellency of our schools, combine to make the coming meeting a memorable one in the annals of our school history; and which shall act as an incentive to greater liberality, more harmonious work, and a hearty desire and determination to do our whole duty in such a manner that we and our posterity may not only receive the temporal blessings incident thereto, but the benedictions of our Heavenly Father.

The following is a list of text-books now in use in the schools, with the date of their adoption:

Reading, New Franklin Series,	1887.
Spelling, Patterson's,	1885.

Grammar, Patterson's,	1885.
Arithmetic, Written, Franklin's,	
Arithmetic, Mental, Colburn's revised,	1886.
Physiology, Brand's,	1884.
History, Higginson's, U. S.	1884.
Geography, Harper's,	1881.
Copy-books, Harper's,	1886.

MEMBERSHIP AND ATTENDANCE.

The whole number of pupils found upon the school registers who have attended school the past year, also the average attendance, number of terms and number of weeks of each school, is shown by the following figures :

School.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Average Att'd'nce.	Terms,	Weeks.
No. 1,	5	3	8	6	3	29
2,	18	12	30	20	3	30
3,	7	9	16	12	4	*32
4,	15	13	28	20	3	32
5,	16	16	32	19	3	32
6,	23	24	47	33	3	30
7,	9	9	18	11	3	30
9,	13	9	22	12	3	30
	106	95	201	133	25	245

* Has not closed.

Average number of scholars for the year, 146

Percentage of daily attendance, .8970

Following is a list of teachers who taught our schools the past year.

No. 1, Mr. Brinton M. Webster, Hudson.

2, Miss Emma B. Winn, Hudson.

3, Miss Hattie M. Greenleaf, Nashua.

- No. 3, Miss Floy Lathrop, Waltham, Mass.
 3, Miss Francena E. Coburn, Tyngsboro' Mass.
 4, Miss Charlotte H. Herbert, Nashua,
 4, Miss Julia A. Webster, Hudson.
 5, Miss Alice V. Flather, Nashua,
 5, Miss Ida E. Smith, Hudson.
 6, Miss Anna M. Cummings, Hudson,
 7, Miss Julia A. Webster, Hudson,
 7, Miss Louise M. Morrill, Derry.
 9, Miss Ida E. Smith, Hudson.
 9, Miss Hattie E. Thompson, Hudson.

SUPERVISION AND INSPECTION OF SCHOOLS.

Number of visits by members of the school board to the different schools during the year,	166
Visits by parents and others,	452

ROLL OF HONOR.

Comprising the names of all the scholars who have been present every half-day that school has been in session, without being tardy during the year, for two terms, and for one term. Also designating those who have not been absent or tardy for *two or more consecutive years including 1888*, the number of years being shown by a figure following the name, thus (3.)

THE YEAR.

Wentworth, James G. (3) Wentworth, Kate S.

TWO TERMS.

Connell Harry J. Armstrong, Ola B.
 Campbell, Waldo B. Buttrick, Grace

Emerson, Harry D.
 Ford, Ira A.
 Marshall, Eugene J.
 Wells, Winnie M.
 Wentworth, John
 Wentworth, Edwin
 White, Willie E.
 White, George F.

Buttrick, Mabel S.
 Dow, Clara M.
 Hill, Grace
 Hill, Hellen M.
 Marshall, Minnie W.

ONE TERM.

Armstrong, James S.
 Brooks, Frankie E.
 Buttrick, George H.
 Campbell, Perley P.
 Campbell, Osman S.
 Connell, Frank A.
 Donnelley, Eugene
 Donnelley, John
 Daniels, Walter G.
 Gowing, Edwin E.
 Gilbert, Charles B.
 Greeley, Freddie C.
 Haselton, William C.
 March, Freddie A.
 Morrison, Tyler
 Pollard, Forrest A.
 Sanders, Willie
 Senter, Eugene D.
 Stewart Albert A.
 Smith, Osman W.
 Sullivan, Matthew
 Winn, Clinton W.
 Winn, Frank A.
 Woodward, Arthur

Armstrong, Ada E.
 Armstrong, Alice K.
 Bent, Annie May
 Buttrick, Clara A.
 Cummings, Bertha E.
 Donnelley, Josie A.
 Hamblett, Bertha M.
 Jennings, Bertha M.
 Marshall, Ida B.
 Marshall, Bertha S.
 Martin, Ina V.
 Melvin, Estella J.
 Perry, Maud E.
 Senter, Rutherene A.
 Smith, Bertha M.
 Smith, Cora E.
 Smith, Lena A.
 Thompson, Emma S.
 Walch, Amy D.
 Walch, Marion J.
 Wheeler, Inez
 Wyman Myrtie I.

Neither absent nor tardy for three consecutive years,
 1; one year, 1; two terms, 17; one term, 46; total,
 75; boys, 35; girls, 30.

KIMBALL WEBSTER,	}	School Board.
D. O. SMITH,		
BRINTON M. WEBSTER,		

Hudson, March 1, 1889.

REPORT & TREASURER

OF THE

◇ SCHOOL BOARD ◇

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1ST, 1888.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in treasury March 1, 1888, \$149 69

Received of town treasurer,

literary fund, 149 85

school tax for 1888, 1221 50

special school tax, 200 00

of William F. Winn, district No. 2, money left in his hands at the time of the adoption of the town system, 23 35

of town treasurer, money belonging to districts on adoption of the town system, 241 84

of A. F. Blodgett, interest on district No. 4 fund, 12 00

of school board of the town of Litchfield, 18 24

\$2016 47

EXPENDITURES.

PAID SALARIES OF TEACHERS.

Emma B. Winn, 3 terms and board,	\$210 00	
Brinton M. Webster, 3 terms and board,	179 00	
Anna M. Cummings, 3 terms and board,	225 00	
Ida E. Smith, 2 terms and board,	143 00	
Julia A. Webster, 2 terms and board,	143 00	
Hattie E. Thompson, 2 terms and board,	125 00	
Louise M. Morrill, 2 terms,	90 00	
Charlotte H. Herbert, 1 term,	42 50	
Julia A. Webster, 1 term,	42 50	
Ida E. Smith, 1 term,	40 00	
Hattie M. Greenleaf, 1 term,	40 00	
Alice V. Flather, 1 term,	50 00	
Floy Lathrop, 1 term,	40 00	
Francena E. Coburn, 1 term,	40 00	
	<hr/>	\$1410 00

PAID TEACHERS' BOARD.

J. M. Coburn,	\$22 50	
Angie G. Annis,	22 50	
Mary A. Hill,	25 00	
Sarah A. Gilbert,	67 50	
Daniel Gage,	72 50	
	<hr/>	\$210 00

PAID FOR FUEL.

J. M. Coburn,	\$7 00	
Franklin A. Hill,	18 00	
J. F. Wilson,	10 00	
A. F. Blodgett,	22 75	
W. F. Winn,	10 81	
J. K. Wheeler,	15 62	
Alphonso Robinson,	13 50	
D. O. Smith,	18 00	
Brinton M. Webster,	12 00	
J. M. Coburn, sawing and packing,	2 75	
	<hr/>	\$130 43

PAID MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

Mrs. Hall, cleaning school-room,	\$2 00	
Notices and certificates,	70	
J. M. Coburn, cleaning, repairs and supplies,	1 50	
F. A. Hill, cleaning, repairs and supplies,	3 55	
W. F. Winn, cleaning repairs and supplies,	3 88	
Brinton M. Webster, cleaning re- pairs and supplies,	2 10	
J. K. Wheeler, cleaning, repairs and supplies,	3 45	
Postage and stationery,	2 18	
N. P. Webster, supplies,	3 96	
Other expenses,	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$25 32

RECAPITULATION.

Teachers' salaries,	1,410 00	
Teachers' board,	210 00	
Fuel,	130 43	
Miscellaneous items,	25 32	
Balance carried to new account,	240 72	
	<u> </u>	\$2,016 47

The expense of the short term of number three, which has not closed at this date, March 1st, is not included in the foregoing report.

REPAIRS ACCOUNT.

Balance in the treasury March 1st, 1888,	\$ 5 33	
Received of town treasurer amount raised for repairs,	200 00	
	<u> </u>	\$205 33
Paid expressage,	40	
G. P. Gilbert, stock and labor paint- ing school-house No. 8,	29 98	
J. B. Merrill, stock, labor and ex- pense in putting in system of ventilation, school-house No. 3,	23 70	
Balance carried to new account,	151 25	
	<u> </u>	\$205 33

KIMBALL WEBSTER,

Treasurer of the School Board.

Hudson, March 2d, 1889.

I certify that I have this day examined the accounts of Kimball Webster, Treasurer of the School Board of the Town of Hudson, and find them correctly cast, and each payment properly vouched.

GEO. G. ANDREWS }

Auditor
of the
} Town of Hudson.

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